



Immaculate Conception Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 12/17 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by Joanne and Barbara

Sunday 12/18 11:00 AM
Louis Durange, Sr. by His Wife Anna Marie

Monday 12/19 9:00 AM TV Mass
Lawrence M. Kinney by His Family

Monday 12/19 7:00 PM
Health and Blessings for Janet Amentler by the Monday Night Rosary Group

Tuesday 12/20 7:00 AM
Jeffrey Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

Wednesday 12/21 7:00 AM
Sister Mary Glennon by Robert and Mary Rita

Thursday 12/22 7:00 AM
Adelaide Bobbie by Rose Marie Casazza


Friday 12/23 7:00 AM
Geraldine Babbish by Her Husband

Saturday 12/24 4:00 PM
Colleen Donlin by Her Parents and Brothers


Saturday 12/24 10:00 PM
Sara and Francis Fedor by the Famalette Family

Sunday 12/25 7:30 AM
James Quinn by the Marhon Family

Sunday 12/25 11:00 AM
Magdalene Kislán by Her Husband Bob and Daughters Donna and Joann

 Sunday \$3,129; Loose \$264.57; Dues \$688; Care and Education of Priests \$110; Capital Improvement \$165; Religious Retirement \$493.50; Christmas Flowers \$170; Immaculate Conception \$644.50; Other \$23; Poor Box \$210

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Deceased Members of the Batcha & Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by Joanne and Barbara

 **OUR SANCTUAR LAMP** is burning this week for Coleen Donlin by Her Parents and Brothers



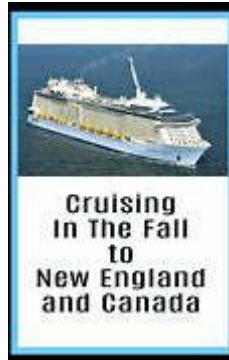
2023 PARISH CALENDARS are available at the entrances of the church. Our calendars are donated through the generosity of Stanley Wilczek and Robert McNulty.



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place one half hour before each of the weekend masses during the Advent season. Why not come to church a little early and spend some quiet time with your Savior.



Homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion can schedule a visit with Father Rawel by calling the parish office at 570-636-3035.



LET'S CRUISE NEXT FALL TO NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA! A beautiful 9-day cruise leaving from Cape Liberty, New Jersey with stops in Boston, MA; Portland, ME; Bar Harbor, ME; St. John, New Brunswick; and Halifax Canada. The cruise dates are from September 7 to 16, 2023. Contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number for further details.

CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES:

Rev. Arun Lakra
612 Hudson Street
Forest City, PA 18421

Rev. J. Duane Gavitt
5700 Bear Creek Blvd.
Bear Creek, PA 18602

Rev. Michael Kloton and Rev. Rawel Toppo
898 Centre Street
Freeland, PA 18224-1435



THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE are planning a new "CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE" that will start during Advent next year. We are asking for donations of gift boxes, tissue paper, wrapping paper, scotch tape, and bows. There will be bins in the back of the church for you to drop your donations in. Any leftovers will be greatly appreciated



An Advent Message from Father Mike...

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Let's get out the check list and go through it:

- Cookies – done! (tray dropped off at the rectory for the priests, LOL)
- Presents purchased and wrapped – done!
- Christmas cards sent – done!
- Food for the Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day – done!
- Go to Confession.....hmm, gotta work on that one – not done!

Well, what are you waiting for?



THE CHURCH OFFICE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE CHURCH OFFICE OF GOOD SHEPHERD WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH PARISHES: If you are an adult and have volunteered for our parish for any event (bingo, picnic, festival, monthly breakfast, lector, extraordinary minister just to name a few), you are invited to a **THANK YOU** dinner at Sands Springs on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, AT 2:00 PM**. This is an **adult dinner**. Your spouse (if not a volunteer) is welcome to come at a cost of \$25.00. We so value all of you who work to make our parishes a welcoming community. **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1ST**. Please clip and fill out the coupon below so that we know how many will be attending. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 8th of January.

Volunteer: _____ FREE
 Spouse: _____ \$25.00
 Drop in the collection basket or at the office.



OPLATKI WAFERS: Packs of Oplatki wafers are available at both parishes. They are on the table in Good Shepherd church vestibule and by the organ in Immaculate Conception church. The cost is \$3.00 per pack of 5 five wafers.



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 12th, at Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's baptism. Please note we do not preform Baptisms on healthy infants during the Lenten season. As such Baptisms should be scheduled up to February 21, 2023 (Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd) or after Easter, April 9, 2023.



	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	4:00 PM AND 10:00 PM	7:30 AM AND 11:00 AM
GOOD SHEPHERD	4:00 PM AND 9:00 PM	8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM



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† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, December 17

6:00PM Dorothy Marcinko ~ Daughter, Donna

Sunday, December 18

8:00AM Charles & Frances Benintende ~

Robert & Carol Carr (Daughter)

9:30AM Brigida & Daniel Zola ~ Daughter, Anna &

Family

Monday, December 19

8:00AM Richard Gaffney ~ Robert & Lori Gaffney

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM Edward Hess ~ Mike & Marion Komishock

Wednesday, December 21

8:00AM Agnes Banyas ~ Anna, Deloret & Janet Rish

Thursday, December 22

8:00AM Bernard Zawatsky ~ M/M Mark Brasavage &

Family

Friday, December 23

8:00AM Mr. John T. & Mrs. Emma S. Grega ~

John, Jr. & Mary

Saturday, December 24

4:00PM Leona Price ~ Al & Ronnie Olshefski

9:00 PM Kristine Roig ~ M/M Joseph Yamulla

Sunday, December 25

8:00AM Elaine Gazick ~ Anita Kobilis & Children

9:30AM Stephen Michalochick ~ Joe & Lisa Michalochick

Stewardship

December 10 & 11: Loose \$690; Offertory \$3,445; Dues \$1,040; Holy Day \$188; Christmas \$310; Flowers \$369; Care & Education \$257; Retired Religious \$285
Mass Attendance – 517



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Fred & Eleanor Proske**, by Proske Family



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Dorothy Marcinko** by Daughter, Donna



Tuesday Night Bingo: WILL NOT BE HELD Tuesday, December 20, due to Christmas.

Oplatki Wafers: Packs of Oplatki wafers are available on the table in the church vestibule. The cost is \$3.00 per pack of five wafers.

2023 Calendars are on the tables in the back of the church near the exits.



The **Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect tomato products such as ketchup, spaghetti sauce, and canned tomatoes, drink mixes, baked beans, ramen noodle soup, canned soup, bar soap, body wash & shampoo. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.

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GSC Bingo needs a Bingo Coordinator. Duties of the Bingo Coordinator are to be responsible for getting the church hall ready on the day of Bingo and being present throughout the Bingo. This includes setting up the sales room where bingo supplies are sold, putting the players reservation cards on the tables and helping out whenever needed during the Bingo. Orientation and on the job training will be provided. Bingo is one of the biggest fundraiser's for the church. Please consider this need for the benefit of the church. Interested persons are to call the church office 570-788-3141.

The parking lot masses are still ongoing: All weekend masses at **Good Shepherd Church** are available over your car radio. **We ask that you park in the lower lot** and tune your radio to FM 98.3. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car. For anyone unable to attend mass inside church, whether physically, socially, or for any reason, these masses are available to you. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those can be collected as well. **All are welcome.**

ALL MASSES ONLINE: Our camera system will allow you to watch **ALL MASSES** in both churches. This includes weekday, weekend, and holy days. The link is: [YouTube.com/channel/UCRRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSym3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSym3w) or search **Our Lady Freeland** in the search bar on YouTube.com